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SUBJ: R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON - APPROVAL GIVEN FOR OPERATION  
IN AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS

REF: STATE 042750

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THE R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON ENTERING AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN AUGUST THIS YEAR. APPROVAL WAS GIVEN IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 1525/3/578, DATED APRIL 30, RELEVANT SECTIONS OF WHICH ARE REPEATED BELOW:

QTE THE RELEVANT AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THE R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON ENTERING AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN AUGUST THIS YEAR. FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES THE VESSEL WILL BE REGARDED AS A "PUBLIC VESSEL" ON THE BASIS THAT IT IS A RESEARCH VESSEL COMMISSIONED BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND NORMAL PUBLIC VESSEL TREATMENT WILL BE ACCORDED TO THE VESSEL DURING THE STAY.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT THE VESSEL WILL WELCOME PARTICIPATION OF SCIENTISTS FROM THE VARIOUS HOST COUNTRIES, AND IT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING MORE ON THIS POINT IN ORDER TO INFORM INTERESTED INSTITUTIONS.  
END QTE.

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WM ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE  
INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATION IN EXPEDITION INDOPAC  
BY AUSTRALIAN SCIENTISTS THAT WE CAN PASS ON TO DFA.  
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